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Meat and Vegetables.

Improvements in Roads.

In the past three weeks there have been published in these columns five valuable papers on the question of road building, and repair and expense of roads. These papers have attracted considerable attention, as they ought.

No town in the commonwealth of Massachusetts has a deeper interest in these questions, than has Andover, and all information upon a question so vital, coming from the authorities so able as the authors of the recent TOWNSMAN clippings should be welcomed gladly. The trend of all of these articles has been toward the attitude that states are sure to take in the matter.

The time is certainly not far distant when every state in our Union will inaugurate a system of control of all main thoroughfares, that shall result in making such roads vastly superior to their present condition; but such work by the state will attend to the improvement of only a small proportion of the roads of any town, and no town can afford to lie still in peaceful satisfaction that the state will some day do something toward road improvement. The towns have to work for themselves, and always will have a large part of it to do.

When will they do this work, how will they do this work, are two questions that are most pressing now. Shall we go on all over New England spending money for that which is not, when proper methods, approved and recommended by use in other places would produce results that make our money earn a dollar's worth for every dollar expended.

The "patching policy" of the past ten years in Andover is past error, shall it be the future one? Let the good things that are in the following articles help each citizen to understand how our roads may be improved.

European and American Roads.

Thomas Dudley, the ex-Consul to Liverpool, delivered an address on "The European vs. American Roads." He said:

"I apprehend that all agree with me on the subject that there is a great necessity to have good roads. The question is how to get good roads and how to pay for them or get good roads by not paying for them. I am to consider whether the European roads are better than the American roads. I have spent much time in Europe in connection with my professional duties and for pleasure. Every time, I think, I have been over to Europe I have been interested in making observations on roads. A traveler is always struck with the great difference between the European and American roads. This is not only the fact in England, but in Italy, France and other countries. The same observation applies to the streets of Paris, London and Berlin. They compare favorably in cleanliness to those of New York and Philadelphia. I should, not except Camden for I think that no city has dirtier streets. On one occasion when I was being entertained in Philadelphia, my friend, Colonel Forney, asked me how the streets in Europe compared with those in Philadelphia, and I frankly answered him by saying that I did not think that there was a dirtier or a worse paved city in the world than Philadelphia. At that time I had not seen New Orleans and there I think I saw the worst. When you get on the roads in England and France you are impressed with their superiority in comparison with ours. One difference in respect to roads must be considered, and that is the difference of conditions between the countries and the habits of the people. Many things enter into the consideration of the construction of roads.

The highways of England are built of stone. These are cut about one inch and one-half inch square all over the country. There are lots of stones along these roads that can be used. In this State there are no such conveniences. This is particularly so in South Jersey, but in upper Jersey the conditions are better. The standard price for labor for roads in England is eighteen pence, which is about thirty-seven cents per day. In this country we have no such labor, and this shows now much cheaper roads can be built in England than in this country. In the south of England particularly in the counties of Kent and Sussex, there are the great chalk beds; they crop out of the ground everywhere, particularly around Dover, and Folkestone. This material is mixed with flint rock, and it makes a fine highway. All the roads are good; not like in South Jersey, scalloped out in the centre, and most excellent basins for water. There are no such conditions in England. The roads are nicely rounded, and there are ditches on each side. The surveyors are under penalty to keep these ditches open. They are allowed, by statute, to go on adjoining land to cut ditches, and they could compensate the land owners. The parish itself is liable for all damages. The roads in England are not built or maintained by the State. There are two classes of roads—the turnpike

and the highways. The old turnpike is passing out of existence. These turnpikes were built by acts of Parliament. The Parliament or district built the road. The roads are auctioned off to the highest bidders and they collect the toll.

The public highways are as good as the turnpike. The roads in England are not as wide as the roads in this country, rarely wider than two rods, and no case to be less than eight feet. In the hilly district of Wales the roads are less than that. They are not wide enough to allow one team to pass another.

In France the roads are kept in the same manner as in England. Many of them are skirted with trees. Timber is scarce in England. The land owners set out trees which do not grow high. They let in some light and in this way the roads are kept dry. They are kept rounded up, have no holes, and are ditched.

The roads in Switzerland are very good. They are built by the government.

Another circumstance must be remembered, that the Americans are restless people, and are on the go at all times. They use roads more. In England I have driven 100 miles and never passed anybody. Just compare that to my home in Camden county, where three hundred vehicles pass in one day. Such a thing is unknown in Europe. In Brussels all the truck and fruit are hauled to market by boys and the wives of farmers.

At Cologne and Frankfurt-on-the-Main the same conditions prevail. Dog carts could not be very hard on roads. No farmers, no people are better entitled to good roads than we, representing the finest agricultural State in the Union.

We now come to the important question of cost. Roads built in the manner I have described, cost in Essex County 60 to 80 cents a lineal foot, 16 feet wide according to their thickness and distance the material has to be hauled, including foundations of quarry-stones. This would be \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile. By using local stone for foundation and local help in hauling, and as much as possible local labor, and also reducing on many roads to 14 feet, and even 12 feet, I think the cost throughout the State might be placed at \$2,500 per mile, provided due economy and wide administration is secured.

In the cost of repairs, a proper re-coating of the surface can be put on in the same locality from 20 to 25 cents per lineal foot, for a 16 foot road. This by reducing the width and supposing a renewal every five years, would amount to about \$150 per mile on the average.

On the basis of \$2,500 per mile for construction, and \$150 per mile per annum for repairs, let us see where the problem would land us.

By the report of the different municipalities and townships submitted to the Governor for 1888 we find 169 townships reporting an expenditure of \$537,000 for the construction and repair of public roads. As there are about 247 townships in the State and basing the calculation on the same rates would give an expenditure of \$785,000. As, however, these returns include the counties of Hudson, Essex, Bergen, Passaic and Union, who have and are now completing a system of roads of their own at a large expense, it would be proper to deduct these counties from the above statement. Deducting therefrom the reported expenditure of 35 townships in those counties amounting to \$238,563, we have the reported expenditures amounting to \$299,000 for the rest of the State. As there are about 202 townships outside the five counties mentioned, this would give us an expenditure of \$450,000 in one year for the repair and maintenance of their roads, which in ten years would amount to the sum of \$4,500,000, enough to pave and macadamize, on the basis of \$2,500 per mile, 1,800 miles of roads—and repair 3,000 miles of pavement for ten years. In making a superficial estimate of the miles of roads of the State I find they run about fifty miles to a township, so with 202 townships there will be about 10,000 miles of road to improve outside the five counties.

The most astonishing part of the matter, to my mind, is that this vast sum of \$451,000 per annum is practically thrown away. Roads that have been in existence 50 or even 100 years, have had enough money spent on them to put them and keep them as first-class macadamized roads, yet practically they are in the same condition now as then.

With these few remarks, I apprehend my province ceases. How much money is to be raised, how it is to be raised, and how, when and where it is to be spent, is financial, out of the province of an engineer. So I will not meddle with it, but I may be pardoned if I give a short description of what I may call the ideal system of building county roads in country districts.

Having got your money in hand, with a prospect of a continuous supply of such a needful commodity, just let the community decide through their local

officers or through town meeting, as they wish, what roads they will improve.

Then let some competent man, an expert road builder of necessity—I don't say engineer, but preferably an engineer—decide on the general character of the improvement, grades, lines and drainage. This man might be a State officer or a county officer having a certain district of large area to attend to, either a county or even two counties. Then let a local superintendent of roads be appointed for the township, who shall be of good intelligence and apt to learn, who is to be thoroughly posted in the proper construction of roads, and competent to handle the details with economy. This, except the broken stone, is all the outside element I would inject into each system.

By far the larger proportion of the cost of these improvements is for labor of horses and men. All farming communities have these to hand, and at certain times easily to be obtained, and the labor available will be of unusual intelligence and able to do more work and better than such as is acquired in thickly populated communities.

At the proper and cheapest time, which is generally winter, let the teams haul stones for foundations, and let it be spread along the line of the improvement. If any breaking is necessary, let it be done at the same time. Of course, if no foundation stone is available, it will have to be bought in the same way as the broken stone.

Let the teams hired from the farmers plough out the road-bed and let all suitable stone in the old road bed be used in the new. A gang of four men hired continuously to do the laying, sledging and spreading will then be all the permanent force necessary.

The most costly item will be undoubtedly the broken stone, and this in most cases will have to be bought by the ton or cubic yard, delivered at the stations on the different lines of railroads, then hauled to the site of the improvement, and this hauling will be the item that will vary the cost of roads in different localities.

Trap quarries are being now opened all through the central part of the State and stone breakers erected, so that the railroad transportation is a small item comparatively, and the heaviest cost will be in those districts building roads far from railroad facilities, except where water, river, canal navigation are available. And then the Hudson River trap enters into the market and competes with the other sources.

When the trap rock is indigenuous it may be found cheaper to break the stone by hand in the immediate locality, thus saving the haul from and to the cracker. All the penal institutions of the State can use their convict labor advantageously for breaking stone, as is now done by hand at the Essex County Penitentiary and by machinery at the Hudson County.

In purchasing stone the custom now is only to get and use it in summer time, many stone breakers shutting down during the winter. I think money could be saved by buying and hauling the stone in winter, when teams have

little to do. This saving would more than offset the extra handling in the end.

I am laying perhaps more than usual stress upon points and methods of economy in the work, but, with my knowledge and experience in road building, I have seen so many incipient systems of road improvement in many enterprising communities receive a complete setback on account of wastefulness and carelessness in their work, that I am particularly solicitous that any general attempt at improving the roads of the State at large should have the advantage of the experience of other communities, and avoid the pitfalls that they have fallen into.—*Trenton (N.J.) Gazette.*

Short Clippings on Roads.

Enough money has been spent on the roads of this State in the last century to have made every main road in the commonwealth as hard as a rock and as smooth as a floor, and reasonably level and straight,—if only the money had been used systematically and not frittered away on wasteful experiments and in "repairs" which are worse than neglect. Enough will be similarly used in the next hundred years. Isn't it about time for the thrifty people of the State to begin to look at their own permanent interests in this matter?

A horse can draw on a common macadamized road more than twice as much, and on a good, solid Telford-macadam road more than three times as much as he could on a gravel road. Therefore, a farmer who might send produce into market for two hundred days in a year, using a pair of horses to draw a load of about a ton on a poor gravel road, could if the road were well macadamized, dispense with one of the horses. Supposing that the horse cost him forty cents per day, including on first cost, he would save on this single item eighty dollars per annum.

The true principles of economic road making may be summed up in the following lines: A firm, dry foundation, sound materials laid on scientific principles, proper and ample drainage of both road bed and surface, easy gradients, easy and natural curves, a hard and compact surface, free from ruts and depressions, with a surface neither too flat to prevent the flow of surface water nor too convex to be inconvenient to traffic.

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Bishop, N. H. Four months in a sneak-box.	1453.23
Blackwood, H. G. Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. My Canadian Journal, 1872-78.	346.18
Bush, R. J. Reindeer, dogs, and snow-shoes.	1722.1
Carlyle, T. Lectures on the history of literature.	1235.14
Churchill, S. General Gordon, a Christian hero.	1753.1
Cooke, G. W. A guide-book to the works of R. Browning.	1235.13
Farrar, C. A. J. Wild woods life.	1944.1
Farrar, F. J. Social and present day questions.	1761.1
Fullerton, W. M. In Cairo.	1454.14
Gilman, N. P. Conduct as a fine art. The laws of daily conduct.	1266.7
Howitt, W. Homes and haunts of the most eminent British poets.	1752.8
Jackson, E. P. Character building. A master's talks with his pupils.	1266.7
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McCray, F. T. The life-work of the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin.	1752.7
McCullough, H. Men and measures of half a century.	1741.1
MacDonald, G. Unspoken sermons.	1265.4
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Morris, W. The story of the glittering plain.	1962.1
Murray, J. O. Francis Wayland. [American religious leaders.]	1257.7
Newton, W. W. Dr. Muhlenberg. [American religious leaders.]	1257.9
Nichols, L. D. Underfoot: or, what Harry and Nelly learned of the earth's treasures.	1931.3
Oswald, F. L. Days and nights in the tropics.	1431.14
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CONDENSED NEWS.

Friday, Feb. 19.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt at Louisville.

David Dunham Withers, the millionaire tinsmith, is dead.

The new government tug Narketa made a successful trial trip.

The Illinois wheat crop has been damaged by freezing weather.

Another outbreak is reported in Brazil.

No cause for it is assigned.

Maria Christina, Queen Regent of Spain, is reported dangerously sick.

The Union Pacific's December net earnings increased over 100 per cent.

Wrestler Quinn of Cornwall, Ont., won two falls from Hartnett's "unknown."

The Prohibitionists of Portland, Me., nominated Rufus Deering for mayor.

The Massachusetts Republican state convention is to be held in Boston, April 20.

A whole German colony of Asiatic Russians is to emigrate to the United States.

The supposed cases of typhus at Providence are pronounced to be only typhoid.

A reciprocity agreement between the United States and Mexico is said to be unlikely.

The first cases of supposed tuberculosis in Newport county, R. I., have been found in Portsmouth.

It is stated that the Mexican government has granted no concessions to the Louisiana Lottery company.

A resolution will be favorably reported to the national house asking Russia to mitigate her decrees against the Jews.

W. G. Irwin, Boston Athletic association, won the pole vaulting competition left over from Saturday night's meeting.

Dr. J. Francis Rothfield has accepted the position of first assistant physician in the asylum for the insane at Westboro, Mass.

A runaway horse was killed and a sleigh smashed to atoms by a Boston and Maine passenger train near Salmon Falls, N. H.

Seven Hungarians were injured and one was killed by the explosion of dynamite on a new railroad extension near Carrollton, Pa.

Saturday, Feb. 20.

The national conference of educators have voted to come to Boston next year.

A French Canadian cremated the bodies of his three children in a cooking stove.

Hon. Alonzo H. Evans has been elected to the vacant Massachusetts councilorship.

Gloucester, Mass., is getting the fishery business away from Yarmouth county, N. S.

No effort is to be made to prevent Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., from securing a divorce.

Thomas Morgan of Great Falls, N. H., dropped dead on the street yesterday from heart failure.

The recent elections in Hawaii are considered as favorable to annexation to the United States.

Charles C. Cummings was hanged at Savannah for killing David Williams in November, 1890.

Two persons were killed and four injured by the overturning of an engine at Houston, Tex.

The whiskey trust is said to be backing a syndicate which is trying to secure Chicago breweries.

The arrangements for inspecting maple sugar work in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are completed.

Harry S. Kimball of Lynn, Mass., has been recommended for the cadetship of the United States naval academy.

The King of Spain, Queen Regent and Duke of Veraguas, a descendant of Columbus, have been invited to attend the World's fair.

Sunday, Feb. 21.

Steinitz won the twentieth game in the Havana chess match.

The census-takers in New York state are ascertaining the politics of voters.

Another Maverick bank dividend of 10 per cent. or more is in prospect.

The graduates of the University of Vermont have formed an association.

The national senate has passed a bill to extend the Chinese exclusion acts.

The New England Shoe and Leather association is unable to find a president.

The directors of the Metropolitan Museum are to improve their exhibits of casts.

Anthony Cornett, aged 45, was found dead on the Watertown branch of the Consolidated road near Oakville, Conn.

Henry M. Buck, a resident of Hyde Park, Mass., has gone away under circumstances which look like an elopement.

Louie Foss of Saco, Me., who died last week, left real estate valued at \$5000 to the Wardwell Home for Old Ladies at Saco.

Two New York thieves broke into a fashionable residence, found the family away, and lived there for a week before being captured.

Monday, Feb. 22.

Joe Donoghue of Newburg, N. Y., won the Canadian skating championship.

Jeremiah Austin, a prominent Manchester (N. H.) business man, dropped dead.

An engineer was killed in a freight wreck on the Danbury and Norwalk railroad.

J. F. Bacon of Arlington, Mass., won the New England figure skating championship.

George Wright of Omaha has purchased the famous Bonnie mine in Colorado for \$1,000,000.

Rev. W. H. Rider of Gloucester, Mass., in a sermon, asked vigorous police action against policy-shops.

An investigation of the accounts of ex-City Treasurer Webster of Kingston, N. Y., shows a shortage.

A jealous husband at Ellsworth Falls, Me., shot and seriously wounded his wife and then killed himself.

Michael Dunn, the reformed ex-convict, died at the Home of Industry he recently established in Brooklyn.

A car coupler passed entirely through the body of a conductor who was coupling cars at Hawleyville, Conn.

Board threatens, if the free coinage bill is forced to the rear, to free it as an amendment to every bill that comes up.

The senate committee on judiciary gave a hearing on the petition of E. P. Stanwood for better enforcement of returns of deaths and marriages.

There was a lively discussion in the Woburn (Mass.) board of trade over a resolution declaring the fire alarm service inefficient and demanding investigation.

A lively hearing took place before the governor and council of Maine on a petition asking for the removal of two liquor constables of Androscoggin county.

Tuesday, Feb. 23.

At a meeting of members of the State Farmers' league at Hartford it was voted

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to hold a special meeting of the league on March 7.

Minister Reid and family will sail for the United States on Saturday next.

Massachusetts Grand Army men have secured quarters in Washington.

The government has closed a contract for the harveizing of armor plates.

One hundred destitute negro families on their way to Africa are stranded in New York.

James Burke, 6 years old, of Parkville, Conn., fell through the ice and was drowned.

Schooner Kate M. Hilton, owned in Boston, and her crew of eight men, have been given up for lost.

John Gilmory Shea, LL. D., a distinguished Catholic layman and author, died at Elizabeth, N. Y.

New Bedford's (Mass.) new chief of police has opened a campaign against illegal liquor sellers.

Lucius Tuttle has been made vice-president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

There is a probability that Thomas F. Desmond will be appointed assistant district attorney at New Bedford, Mass.

Ashton Oxenden, formerly Anglican bishop of Montreal, died at Biarritz, aged 83. He resigned his bishopric in 1878.

The Governor of Dutch Guiana has appointed a commission of thirteen to superintend the exhibit which that colony will make at the World's fair.

Fire at Cape Town, Africa, completely gutted a large block of buildings in which were located the Masonic Temple, theater and the government office of native affairs.

Wednesday, Feb. 24.

A Lowell (Mass.) family was saved from suffocation by a little dog.

An administrator has been appointed for the Barnaby estate.

Black diphtheria is prevailing among the lumbermen in Ontario.

The cross-country run at Melrose, Mass., was won by Fred A. Sargent.

About \$25,000,000 is to be asked for rivers and harbors this session.

The severe weather keeps Gladstone from returning to England.

Charles E. Mears, manufacturer of shoes, New York, has assigned.

Moses Kleeman, one of the typhus patients, died at North Brothers island.

A Portland (Mass.) lady was robbed of her treasures by a thief with scissors.

A New York bartender shot his wife and her cousin and then killed himself.

Two young burglars escaped from the court officer at Jamaica Plain (Boston).

There was a brilliant ball of the Amoskeag veterans at Manchester, N. H., Monday.

It is stated that the Louisiana lottery has secured a perpetual charter in Nicaragua.

Mrs. Fernald, shot by her husband in Ellsworth, Me., Monday, is likely to recover.

Charles Johnson defeated Alphonse Garcia in a brutal prize fight near New Orleans.

The English are indignant over Dr. W. H. Wray's assertions regarding foot and mouth disease.

Thomas O'Connell, wanted for burglary committed in New York city, was arrested at New Haven.

A bill has been introduced in the house of commons for a compulsory school system in Ireland.

The annual meeting of the Merrimack Valley Congregational club took place at Haverhill, Mass.

Frank Harrison, serving a sentence for burglary, committed suicide at the Lawrence (Mass.) jail.

George William Curtis delivered an address on James Russell Lowell before the Brooklyn institute.

The Tremont and Suffolk mills of Lowell, Mass., have been sued for \$50,000 for damages through an alleged breach of contract in a mill driving patent case.

Thursday, Feb. 25.

Cattle are suffering for want of water in Arizona.

Louis Ritter, a well known painter, died at Boston.

A new cotton mill is to be built at Fall River, Mass.

The report of the killing of Garza is discredited at the war department.

Lewiston (Me.) Democrats have renominated W. H. Newell for mayor.

The Massachusetts senate has indorsed the anti-pass bill by a decisive vote.

Professor George A. Wentworth of Phillips Exeter academy has resigned.

Hon. Robert Couch of Newburyport, Mass., has filed a petition in insolvency.

Edwin Elliot of Albany, Me., committed suicide by shooting. Cause, domestic trouble.

The Colored league are discussing the propriety of taking independent political action.

Rev. J. M. Laird has been arrested at East St. Louis, charged with an attempt at blackmail.

Deputy Sheriff Edward A. Harris sent a sharp letter of resignation to Sheriff Nye of Worcester (Mass.) county.

Letter said to have been written by Count Tolstai are considered by the Russian government as unpatriotic.

Four rural postmasters were fined in the United States court at New Haven, Conn., for selling stamps on credit.

Governor Tuttle and staff of New Hampshire were presented to the president at the White House, by Senator Chandler.

F. E. Caldwell has been appointed post master at Montague, Mass., and C. W. Spaulding postmaster at West Woodstock, Vt.

A bill giving the appointment of license commissioners to boards of aldermen is to be introduced in the Rhode Island legislature.

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LEAVE STATION FOR ANDOVER.—6.00, 6.40, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 11.45, A. M. 12.15, 12.45, 1.15, 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15 P. M.

LEAVE ANDOVER SEMINARY FOR BERKELEY STREET, LAWRENCE.—10.30, 6.30, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 11.45 A. M. 12.15, 12.45, 1.15, 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45 P. M.

SUNDAY TIME.

LEAVE BERKELEY ST. FOR ANDOVER.—8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, 10.30, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00 A. M. 12.30, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, P. M.

LEAVE ANDOVER SEMINARY FOR BERKELEY ST. 9.15, 9.45, 10.15, 10.45, 11.15, 11.45 A. M. 12.15, 12.45, 1.15, 1.45, 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 6.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 9.45 P. M.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1892.

The rumors of the possible election of Principal Bancroft of the Academy to the presidency of Dartmouth College have caused some uneasiness in Andover, where he has been so long known. But the more intimate friends of Dr. Bancroft in Andover cannot believe the presidency of a small college like the New-Hampshire institution, with about one-half the students of Phillips, offers any inducement for him to change. Dr. Bancroft is to Phillips Academy to-day what Dr. Taylor was thirty years ago and even more, for the new schools and greater competition in academies, as in everything else, have made the administration of the affairs of this large school a more exacting and difficult task than it possibly could have been thirty years ago.

In his principalship Dr. Bancroft has seen Phillips Academy double in numbers and largely increase in endowment. His grand administration of affairs is to-day the most inspiring of the influences that is doing so much to re-endow the old Academy. His tact and wisdom in dealing with boys is the kind that grows as the years go by, and old boys of Phillips cherish his wise counsels in after years even more than when it was given. Perhaps the higher call is at Hanover, men settle those questions for themselves, but the people of Andover, the students of the Academy, and friends of old Phillips everywhere will utter loud protests against any town or school but ours having the services of the present principal of Phillips Academy.

The caucus comes next Monday night. It is a citizen's caucus, and that means, dear voter, that it is your caucus. Perhaps you don't believe in caucuses, perhaps you don't like them, perhaps they seem cut and dried, perhaps lots more; and then there is no perhaps, and you positively do believe in good officers, in the right use of your money, and the right men to use it. In short, you believe in good government, but don't like the methods that lead to it. You can never make the methods right by staying at home, and bemoaning their wrong! There's no perhaps to that. That is a positive fact. There is an especial demand for the attendance of every voter at the caucus next Monday night. It has been current rumor that it would be the scene of an exciting exposé or something else. We may be expected this week to air rumors and facts that have made some bad feeling in political quarters. Whoever expects this will be disappointed. Insinuations are one thing, square statements, another. Error in judgment is not criminal wrong-doing. We have carefully considered the letters and statements that have made the excitement of the week, and have decided that they are worthy of no discussion or comment, further than this brief statement that is due our readers, who may expect it as news. The matter is not news. It is gossip, speculation and politics, and this latter covers a great deal that is better left alone.

The present outlook for the caucus is the unanimous re-election of all of the town officers except the selectman, with that office in the hands of the voters to choose between the present incumbent, Mr. John S. Stark, and Dr. C. H. Shattuck, both of Ballardvale. The talk of a "dark horse" is pure talk, that will probably end there. Let there be a large attendance, that the action of the caucus may express an honest preference of the town.

November Club.

Owing to the large demand for tickets, the Dramatic Entertainment to be given on Monday evening, Feb. 29, by the November Club, will take place in Phillips Academy Hall, and not in the Club House, as already announced.

The New Principal of Abbot Academy.

It is known to many of our readers that the Trustees of Abbot Academy have reluctantly accepted Miss Philena McKean's resignation of the principalship. Her long and distinguished career in this institution closes with the end of the present school year. The honor and praise that are so justly her due, we shall try to render her at the proper time. It is our present purpose to announce the election of her successor.

After a long and conscientious consideration of the various factors that enter into the difficult problem of selecting a Principal qualified to take up the office on the high plane to which Miss McKean has brought it, the Trustees, at a recent meeting, selected Miss Laura S. Watson, M.A., of St. Johnsbury, Vt. Miss Watson is a native of Sedgwick, Me. She early chose the profession of teaching, chiefly fitting herself for the work at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, where she was graduated with distinction in 1871. She has had a wide and varied experience as a teacher, both in the public schools of New England, and in the higher educational institutions. She has been preceptress of Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., and has been Principal of the most important College for girls in the Northwest, the Albert Lea College, in Minnesota. During the past two years she has held the position of preceptress in St. Johnsbury Academy, a fitting school of high rank under the principalship of Mr. C. E. Putney.

Miss Watson has enlarged her educational ideals, and strengthened her professional equipment by two years residence in Europe, pursuing studies in Halle, Berlin and Paris, under the most favorable circumstances for intellectual culture. The strong testimonials from many competent authorities concerning Miss Watson's professional success in the responsible positions she has occupied, her accomplishments, earnestness of Christian character, and power to win the esteem and affection of pupils and associates, lead the Trustees to believe that they have been guided to a judicious choice.

We congratulate Abbot Academy on this election. It is a fortunate circumstance that a lady of Miss Watson's character, attainments and experience, can assume the administration of the school immediately upon the retirement of Miss McKean, and so avoid the dangers of an interregnum. We are confident that this noble institution will not only sustain its present high grade of excellence, but will also develop its resources in accordance with the best modern ideas for the education of women.

The Elm Club Ball.

The Town Hall never looked prettier than it did last Wednesday evening when one of the most brilliant events which has occurred here for a long time took place. The occasion was the first annual concert and ball of the Elm Club, which was formed last December and contains on its membership roll about thirty-five of the young men of the town.

When one stepped into the hall he would hardly recognize it, such a transformation had been made. The stage showed the handiwork of our well known florist, George D. Millett, the entire front being enveloped in a handsome floral display, through which shone varicolored incandescent lights. Above on the stage curtain hanging gracefully between the folds of two American flags was a silken banner inscribed with the name of the club. J. G. Weston of Lawrence well sustained his reputation as a decorator and he received many well deserved compliments. Under his care the walls were covered with hunting, American flags and shields, while red, white and blue streamers depended from the chandelier to different points of the hall and handsome lace draperies ornamented the gallery. In all it made a brilliant scene and one which will be remembered with pleasure by all.

The gallery was crowded with spectators and there were also many seated in the main hall who did not take part in the dancing. The festivities opened promptly at 8 o'clock with a concert by the Germania Orchestra of Boston, whose music during the evening was well worth going to hear. At 9 o'clock the march was started headed by W. H. Higgins and Miss Helen Barnett, followed by about fifty couples. This number of dancers was considerably augmented in the following dances. Many handsome costumes were worn by the ladies and most of the gentlemen were in full evening dress. There were several pretty figures shown in the march which terminated in a waltz. The dancing continued until 1 o'clock. The orders which were designed and printed by the Andover Press were exceptionally neat and pretty, consisting of eight pages enclosed in a cover of white satin on which was seen a picture of the Seminary arch and the name of the club.

At intermission lunch, prepared by Allen Hinton, was served by colored waiters who also served lemonade during the entire evening; in fact, everything was done for the enjoyment of those present. The affair was much more successful than anticipated and the committee deserves credit for the pleasant result of their efforts. W. H. Higgins was floor director assisted by W. F. Howard, Geo. M. Deane and J. A. Dennison, who also constituted the committee of arrangements. The reception committee comprised Hon. Joseph M. Bradley, Andrew McTernan, William Odlin, George A. Higgins, Arthur Stott and George B. Burnham. There were several present from Stoneham, Haverhill and Lawrence, a special electric car running to the latter place at 1 o'clock A.M.

Merchant of Venice.

Go and hear Henry A. Clapp for yourself, for no report of his lecture can give you his charm, the speaking eye, the hand and foot that gracefully aid the earnest voice that calls you up into his Shakespeare world. It is like a trip to Mars, for it is not my world any more than his Bible would be mine. No man can meddle with what is our own in these great writings. But without any preparatory dashing through the text, go empty for an evening into Mr. Clapp's kingdom, then fly home and read your play while the enchantment is fresh and see a new people in the old familiar landscapes—Shylock, a type of his race, borne down to meanness by the heavy weight of Christian injustice, the one only of his characters that embodies perfect hate; Portia, the forerunner of our gracious nineteenth century woman with the crown of a happy love experience, her suitors, who stand for the modern type of a good fellow who knows a fine bargain when he sees it, the dude who never comprehends how any woman can fail him, and the loyal gentleman who marvels at his own good luck—are all drawn with a master hand. Prof. Churchill truly calls him an illuminator of the great author, and I believe it takes as much "clairvoyance" (genius) to do this as to convey to the world the great creations themselves. Mr. Clapp is a born miner and is collection of rich word nuggets make his lectures language lessons. He enlarges your vocabulary and broadens your horizon. He was introduced by Prof. Churchill who paid a deserved tribute to the persevering energy that has thoughtfully brought this opening treat of a third course before one of Andover's most intelligent and appreciative audiences.

"Macbeth" is the subject for next Tuesday evening's lecture.

The anticipations of those who assembled in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening to welcome Mr. Clapp were more than realized as they listened to his scholarly interpretation of "The Merchant of Venice." While he frankly showed his audience that the material used by the great master was drawn from the common literary stock of his day, the analysis given of the characters, together with the comprehensive summary of the poetic and moral qualities of the play, awakened a new enthusiasm for Shakespeare. And the skill with which he turned the emotion of his audience from loathing for the cruelty and avarice of Shylock into tender pity for the wrongs which, for a thousand years, had been heaped upon the Jews will not be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present.

Farmers' Club Debates About Highways.

The meeting on Thursday evening of the Andover Farmers' Club made the subject of Highways, Sidewalks and Village Improvements the matter for discussion. The admitted excellence of some of our roadbeds and the present method of construction was acknowledged. In criticism the discussion showed practically unanimous conviction that too small a proportion of the appropriation for highways was spent in general maintenance and light repairs. The existence of some defective parts was instanced as having assumed the proportion of a public scandal. For example, on the North Andover road for two rods before reaching the town boundary has been for years a mud-hole, that, during the past season has become practically the whole width of the road bed so that when the entire length from Andover to North Andover was dry a clean carriage could not be driven past this place without putting two wheels in liquid mud. During the past summer the road department were doing work within 200 feet of this spot. Two dollars would have done enough work to patiate the nuisance. Complaints from our own citizens and from many of our North Andover friends have been made repeatedly and the annoyance and the exasperation caused by this, far outweigh the benefit from improvement in other places where \$500 is spent in construction.

Other spots were named, and an expression was made of the necessity for more frequent inspection of town ways and the care for repairs, as well as need of a general consideration of the many demands for work in different spots so that a season's work on highways shall include a suitable share of outlay in maintenance and small repair of much used roads.

The neglect or very late postponement of the removal of loose stones on our principal roads during the past season was deemed worthy of severe remark. The continuous flowage of surface water in wheel tracks was condemned, as in the road from Mrs. Manning's down past Henry Hayward's, last spring, when scores of loads of road material were washed down hill for lack of one-half day's labor with pick and shovel to repair water bars. Other similar spots were mentioned, and any citizen may see, as has been seen regularly for many years past, the entire surface of Main Street, above Morton Street, washed away by water escaped from the gutters. To repair this section of 150 feet has required not less than \$25 to \$40 each season, which was literally "thrown in the gutter" for want of the simplest use of water bar and gutter.

The sense of the meeting expressed itself in a unanimous vote as follows: Moved and unanimously voted by the Andover Farmers' Club that the Selectmen of this town be requested to provide and keep permanently at their office a suitable book, to be called "The Com-

plaint Book," in which persons interested or having cause for complaint may put in writing a statement of complaint in regard to the condition or management of the highways or sidewalks.

It was also recommended that trees set wholly or in part by appropriated town funds, along highways, shall be not nearer than 50 feet apart for maple trees, and not nearer than 65 feet for elm trees.

The appreciation which citizens and visitors have expressed of the neatness of door yards, lawns, and street fronts was noted, and the hope expressed that this care might be extended by each owner out to the very roadbed. Some roadbeds in the very centre of the town wear a neglected, rubbish strewn appearance, like a woman's dress with a ragged bottom. Won't our ladies use their influence to correct this?

The consideration of the grades on Main Street and Elm Square called out criticism, also the building up the crest of the hill on Central Street near Phillips, instead of lowering it, as should have been done at the time of laying last year's crushed stone.

The presence of a number of non-members showed the interest taken in the subject. George H. Poor, J. Warren Berry, M. C. Andrews, Nathan Abbott, J. F. Gulliver, and others spoke on different phases of the subject.

Phillips Academy Alumni.

The biennial reunion and dinner of the Phillips Academy Alumni Association was held at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, last Friday night, over one hundred and fifty being present, and it was a signal success. At the business meeting the following officers were elected:

President, W. A. Mowry, Salem; vice-presidents, Oliver Wendell Holmes, M.D., Boston; Hon. Frederick Smyth, Manchester, N. H.; W. F. Draper, Andover; Hon. W. W. Croso, New Bedford; Ralph Emerson, Rockford, Ill.; G. Henry Whitcomb, Worcester; M. B. Mason, Boston; secretary, G. T. Eaton, Andover; treasurer, George D. Pettie, Andover; executive committee, George W. W. Dove, Brookline; W. H. Parmenter, Boston; George R. Blodgett, Boston; James H. Ropes, Andover.

At the head of the table sat the President of the Alumni, Mr. Thomas Doane of the class of '42; on his immediate right was Principal C. F. P. Bancroft, and on his left Gen. F. A. Walker, of Technology. Among others present were Lieut. A. V. Wadhams of the United States Army, President C. H. Woodruff of the New York Alumni Association, Prof. J. W. Churchill of the Theological Seminary, Prof. W. B. Graves of the Academy, James H. Ropes of the class of '85, Daniel Knowlton of the Boston Times, Dr. Moses Merrill of the Boston Latin School, and prominent representatives of a liberal education. Others who were there from this town were Marcus Morton, B. F. Holt, J. F. McGuinness, D. Churchill, E. S. Gould, and several members of the senior class of the Academy.

President Doane opened the speaking with practical remarks, in which he set forth the claims of the Academy in the substantial support and permanent interest of the alumni.

Principal Bancroft was received with cheers, and made an interesting address, in which he said that the Academy was more prosperous than ever before and the number of students had increased from 235 to 355. Financially, and in every other respect, they had reached a marked degree of success, and they had been freed from all vexatious litigation, so that undivided attention could now be given to education in its highest aims.

Prof. J. W. Churchill of Andover Seminary read with much effect a poem written by Mr. Isaac McClellan of the class of 1822, giving an address of the Alma Mater to her graduates.

Other remarks were made by Gen. F. A. Walker, Prof. Graves, Lieut. Wadhams, Engineer Fitzgerald of the Boston Waterworks, C. H. Woodruff, and J. H. Ropes secretary of the re-endowment committee.

Obituary.

Mrs. Hannah C. L. Jewett, widow of Rev. William R. Jewett and mother of Prof. William Jewett Tucker, died at the home of the latter, last Saturday at the age of 72 years. The cause of her death was bronchitis with heart disease; she was ill about ten days. Deceased has resided with her son since he has been a resident of this town and during that time her Christian and womanly ways and character have made her beloved by a large circle of friends, who, together with the members of the family, will sincerely mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted at her late home Tuesday afternoon by Prof. Churchill and Dr. Bancroft and the remains were laid at rest in the Chapel Cemetery.

The family of John and Ann McKenzie has again been afflicted, their son Joseph having died last Saturday at the age of 17 years, after a short illness. He was a brother of the child who was drowned recently in the Shawheen. This family has been particularly unfortunate, it being the third child lost within a short time. Deceased was a bright boy and prior to his illness attended the Pynchard School. The family certainly will have the heartfelt sympathy of a large number of people in their many afflictions. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Augustine's Church, Rev. P. J. Lynch officiating, and interment in the Catholic cemetery. The Pynchard Cadets, of which the deceased was a member, attended the services and escorted the remains to their last resting place, and eight of them acted as pallbearers.

Congregational Club.

The quarterly meeting of the Merrimack Valley Congregational Club was held at the Centre Church, Haverhill, Monday night. It was ladies' night and also the time for the annual election of officers. There was a good attendance, and the meeting was as a whole a very interesting one. After the usual social hour, supper was served in the vestry, Rev. C. W. Huntington of Lowell saying grace and Prof. Ryder of this town returning thanks.

Secretary John N. Cole then read the records of the previous meeting after which the treasurer's report was presented by Deacon Otis A. Merrill, showing that the fees received during the year together with cash on hand at its beginning, amounted to \$1,051.43; amount paid out, \$946.62, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$104.81.

The necrologist, Rev. J. M. Greene, D.D., gave brief biographical sketches of the two members deceased during the year, Deacon John T. Carter of this city, and Dr. William Cogswell of Bradford.

The nominating committee through its chairman, James G. Buttrick, presented for membership the names of Dr. John M. Gile of Tewksbury and Dr. A. J. French of Lawrence. The same committee submitted a list of officers for the coming year (with the exception of a president, for which office a nomination was made from the floor) and the same were elected as follows:

President, Gilbert E. Hood, Lawrence; vice-presidents, Rev. J. D. Kingsbury, D.D., Bradford; Rev. M. McG. Dana, D.D., Lowell; Rev. E. C. Holman, Haverhill; W. H. Ward, Lowell; secretary, Geo. D. Pettee, Andover; treasurer, Otis A. Merrill, Lowell; executive committee, Prof. William A. Ryder, Andover; Rev. William A. Keese, Lawrence; Horace M. Sargent, Haverhill.

Nominating committee, N. P. Frye, North Andover; C. K. Pillsbury, Lawrence; George T. Eaton, Andover; Wm. H. Ward, Lowell; A. B. Woodworth, Chelmsford.

Reception committee, S. G. Sargent, Methuen; Rev. James Alexander, Tewksbury; Joseph L. Sedgely, Lowell; E. A. Emerson, Haverhill; Joseph W. Walworth, Lawrence. Necrologist, Rev. J. M. Greene, D.D., Lowell. Auditor, Dr. J. B. Field, Lowell.

Thirteen new members were elected as follows:

Deacon John Hartley, Dr. James H. Kidder, William F. Sherman, Gordon C. Connors of Lawrence; J. C. Knowlton, Fred R. Thompson of Tewksbury; J. McMillan of Haverhill; Frank W. Frisbee and Andrew McLean of North Andover; Samuel H. Thompson and Charles T. Upton of Lowell; Frank O. Baldwin and Thomas F. Pratt of Andover.

This completed the business and the intellectual programme was taken up. The first speaker was Rev. Dr. Calkins of Newton, who spoke upon the antagonism between the spirit of the gospel and the accumulation of wealth. He gave statistics showing that the majority of large accumulation of wealth in this country was by persons connected with the evangelical churches. Three things were required at the present time:

1. The gospel repentance of business men of this sin of hoarding wealth. 2. Business men should be converted and preach the gospel practically in the treatment of the workmen. 3. The church should call business men to the front, putting them, instead of ministers, in charge of the financial movements and operations of the churches.

Rev. Wm. G. Pufferfoot followed in an interesting address on "Personal service in the aggressive work of the Church." A male quartette furnished some good music. The next meeting will be held in Lowell.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters advertised Feb. 22, 1892.

Bruce, Chas. R., Dane, Mr.
Freeman, Helen L., Jenkins, Edw. P.
Miller, William H., O'Connell, Mrs. D.
Putnam, Geo. Palmer, Parker, Fred.
Sweeney, Rudolph W. Ray, Frank,
Vaughn, J. T.

Sunday Services for Feb. 25.

SOUTH CHURCH.—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. J. Blair will preach. Sunday School at noon. Service at 7.15, Missionary Address by Mrs. Vaitse.

CHRIST CHURCH.—Morning service at 10.30. Rev. Frederic Palmer will preach. Second service at 7.15.

FREE CHURCH.—Sermon at 10.30 by Rev. F. A. Wilson. Sunday School at 12 M. Y. P. S. C. E. service at 7.

CHAPEL.—Morning service at 10.30. Prof. Moore will preach. Afternoon service at 4.30.

WEST CHURCH.—Praching service at 10.30. Sunday school at 12 M. Evening at 7 in the vestry, also in Osgood and Abbott districts.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Praching at 10.30 by Rev. Geo. W. Clough. Sunday School at close of forenoon service. Prayer service at 7.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—Services at 8.30 A. M. and 3.30 P. M. 10.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon by Rev. J. J. Ryan.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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"Did you go to the dance?" was the first question put to Brownie as he slyly came into the TOWNSMAN sanctum Friday morning to rehearse his weekly summary of corner eavesdroppings, and how his eyes shone as he told of what he saw, and displayed some of the composite pictures he made. We wanted him to let us reproduce all of his pictures but he said only a few must go, and this is how he told of the dance. "I went in an entirely new guise getting there at about ten o'clock, and how that old town hall did blaze and shine! It was the prettiest sight I ever saw in Andover with the music and all the beautiful costumes. I came awfully near to changing myself into a full fledged 'full dresser,' but thought I couldn't just yet, especially as the lady in whose pocket I was comfortably lodged, said just then, 'I wonder who this TOWNSMAN Brownie is,' and then there was another reason. I had recently heard one of our ministers tell how wicked it was, and if it was so wicked for him 'before he was ten years old' it must be lots more wicked for these older sinners." "But how did they look and how was the music?" I broke in with, for I knew if Brownie got to moralizing he'd go forever. "Oh, the music? well it was grand and I have a picture of the orchestra at one of the most inspiring moments and he produced this"

"But," I said, "there were a lot of musicians and they were men, not cats." "I know they call themselves men, but said he, 'that is the Brownie composite of them, and here is one of the men dancers,' and he produced this, as his composite of the grace and beauty of Andover's youth of the masculine gender."

Again I queried the truth of his portraiture but he explained it by saying that "borrowed clothes never fit well, and the style in the dancing was awfully mixed." "And the ladies?" I said; but not a word would he say about the ladies and all my persuasion couldn't bring forth his picture or his comment upon them.

But the question of "what's the news?" fetched him and at once he launched into the sensation of the week and what the cornerers thought of it.

They were all there "on the corner" as Brownie came up on Thursday morning, and Lufkin the politician had the floor. He was much excited and was denouncing vigorously the "letter" of which the whole street has been talking so much about the past week; but just as Brownie commenced to write Lufkin's ideas, Jones broke in, then Smithson said his say, and there was such a confusion of ideas that Brownie didn't know what to do; he caught enough of the drift of the matter, however, to know that one town officer accused another of unfitness for office, and that he was to publish his charges in the TOWNSMAN, and before he told of the cornerers' ideas he wanted to know if that was so.

We told Brownie it was all off, such a thing "might have been" but it "now wasn't." No letter was to be published, and the TOWNSMAN had decided that "least said soonest mended."

MARRIAGES.

In Andover, Feb. 25, by Rev. Frederic Palmer, Robert L. Morrison, of Detroit, and Sarah A. Birnie, of town.

DEATHS.

In Andover, Feb. 20, Joseph McKenzie aged 1 years.

In Andover, Feb. 20, Mrs. Hannah C. L. Jewett aged 72 years and 14 days.

In Andover, Feb. 22, Bridget Donovan aged 66 years.

In Andover, Feb. 25, Alice H. McMurphy, aged 75 years, 5 months and 19 days.

In Boston, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodhouse of North Andover, aged 9 years and 7 months.

Ladies clean your kid gloves with the Mousquetaire Glove Cleaner. For sale only by T. A. Holt & Co., where may be found a full line of Dry Goods notions, ladies furnishings, and fancy goods.

BALLARDVALE.

Sylvanus Perry spent the latter part of last week in Lynn.

The dance of the Independence Drum Corps in Bradlee Hall, Monday evening was unusually well attended. T. Dailey and Miss Gill led the grand march.

Mr. Skinner, of Boston, spent Sunday in town with his friend, L. G. Buck.

The annual business meeting of the Ballardvale Union Society will be held in the vestry Thursday evening, March 3rd at 7.45 o'clock.

Mr. James R. Murray of Cincinnati, O., had an able article in a recent *Christian Union* on the art of listening to music.

Mr. Henry A. Clifford, of Hartford, Ct. who is at present engaged in taking a religious census of Lawrence, delivered a temperance lecture at the Union Church. It was a story of his own experience and was well told.

John H. Leonard lost part of a finger while forging a piece of steel under a heavy power hammer in the Craighead & Kintz Co's shop yesterday.

At the Methodist Church, Sunday, Rev. Mr. Reid of the Boston School of Theology will preach at both the morning and evening services. Rev. Mr. Stewart will preach at Ayer, Mass.

The debate of the Y. L. P. U. will be held to-morrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, of Reading, Mr. Merrill, Miss Harnden and Mr. Harnden, of Haverhill, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kate Mears.

Miss Leonard and Mr. Brown, of Providence, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Malden, were visiting at H. F. Wilson's the early part of the week.

The only flag displayed Monday was on the school house. The engine company somehow were behind hand and the liberty pole in the square being hoisted it was impossible to float one there. Almost everyone who could be away went fishing and it is said that 500 lines were set in Foster's Pond at one time. Some fine strings were taken, Edward Moody caught a five pound pickerel and several others nearly as large were taken. H. S. Neal had a splendid lot of fish and Ralph Ross and Converse Parker caught forty-nine.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Batchelder, of Wilmington, celebrated their silver wedding Tuesday night. Mr. Batchelder has been station agent at Wilmington Junction for thirty years. Mrs. Batchelder was Miss Mary Bryant and is a sister to Mrs. E. D. Pearson, of this village. Friends were present from Haverhill, Medford, Reading and elsewhere. From here the following attended: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pearson, E. B. Pearson, Miss Norton, Walter Pearson, Miss Cisco, Mrs. Mears and Miss Ada, and L. G. Buck. There were a large number of presents mostly silver.

Mr. A. Munroe Thayer gave a continuation of his lecture "Marvels of the New West" in the Bradlee Course last Wednesday evening. The first lecture in this subject was given last season in this course and the one Wednesday evening took up the theme where dropped. It was profusely illustrated with stereopticon views, indeed the lecture consisted of little but a description of the views. The cave and cliff dwellings of New Mexico were pictured in all their forms and made up the principal part of the lecture. There was a remarkably large audience considering the weather and every seat was taken.

C. N. Marland was in northern New Hampshire Saturday and Sunday.

Thomas Henabry, of Bangor, Me., died in that city Tuesday of last week. He had served in the English army and took part in the Aroostook County rebellion Maine and enlisted at the outbreak of the Rebellion, when he was in his 64th year. He was 92 years of age. He leaves a son, Ambrose Henabry of this town.

Frye Village.

John W. Bell has gone on a Western trip and will be absent about two weeks. Buffalo, Rochester, Cincinnati, Chicago, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, and New York will be among the cities visited.

The teachers of the village school took Tuesday for a visiting day to other schools.

Miss Gertie Cole of Peabody spent a few days this week at Mrs. Jonathan Poor's.

Mr. Hayes has moved from John Henderson's cottage to the tenement above the brick store.

Mrs. Andrew Callum and children of Merrimac spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Miss Annie Mitchell.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Birnie, Wednesday afternoon, when their daughter, Sarah Agnes, was united in marriage with Mr. Robert L. Morrison of Detroit, Rev. Frederic Palmer performing the ceremony in the presence of the members of the family and relatives. After the marriage service, a wedding lunch was served, and the happy couple received the congratulations and best wishes of those present which will be joined in by her many friends and acquaintances. They were the recipients of numerous handsome and elegant presents testifying to the esteem in which they are held. The afternoon train was taken for their new home in Detroit where Mr. Morrison is engaged as an engineer.

Patrick Donahue of Lawrence, a former teamster at the Smith & Dove Mills, was buried in town Tuesday.

Henry Playdon has gone to Dedham to learn the gardener's business with Mr. Allen who was formerly employed at W. M. Woods'.

There was a birthday party last night at the home of Mrs. Andrew May, it being the 19th birthday of David and James May. They received some pretty presents as tokens of esteem in which they are held by their friends. There were about thirty present and all enjoyed the various amusements and the collation.

Abbott Village.

The Burns Club will have a meeting in the village hall to-morrow evening at 7.45. John Saunders will present a paper on "Shakespeare."

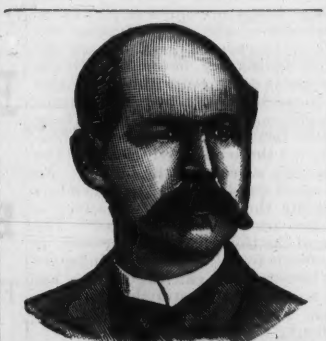
A special meeting of the Cricket club will be held next Tuesday and a full attendance is desired.

James Callum reached his nineteenth birthday last Saturday, and he was presented with a silver watch and chain by his friends.

W. P. Regan is the architect for another power house to be erected for the Merrimack Valley Street Railway Co., near the present one in South Lawrence.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt-rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as cure all Malarial fevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle at Arthur Bliss' Drug store.



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THE BEST SHOE IN THE WORLD FOR THE MONEY! It is a seamless shoe, with no laces or wax thread to hurt the feet; made of the best fine calf, stylish and easy, and because we make more shoes of this grade than any other manufacturer, it equals hand-sewed shoes costing from \$4.00 to \$5.00.

\$5.00 Genuine Hand-sewed, the finest calf shoe ever offered for \$5.00; equals French imported shoes which cost from \$8.00 to \$12.00. \$4.00 Hand-sewed Well-sher, fine calf, \$4.00, stylish, comfortable and durable. The best shoe ever offered at this price; same grade as custom-made shoes costing from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

\$3.50 Police Shoes; Farmers, Railroad Men and Letter Carriers all wear them; fine calf, seamless, smooth inside, heavy three soles, extension edge. One pair will wear a year.

\$2.50 Fine calf, so better shoe ever offered at \$2.50; this price; one trial will convince those who want a shoe for comfort and service.

\$2.25 and \$2.00 Workmen's shoes. \$2.25 are very strong and durable. Those who have given them a trial will wear no other make.

Boys' \$2.00 and \$1.75 school shoes are worn by the boys everywhere; they sell on their merits, as the increasing sales show.

Ladies' \$3.00 Hand-sewed shoe, best made in America, very stylish; equals French imported shoes costing from \$4.00 to \$6.00.

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4 Bales 36-inch Unbleached Cotton at 5 cts. per yd. worth 7 cts.

Not more than 25 yds. to a customer.

25 yds. Bleached or unbleached Crash for \$1.00.

50 doz. Elegant Damask Towels, full size, fancy borders, only 12 1/2 cts. each. Regular price 17 to 20 cts.

40 doz. Huck Towels, extra size, 26x52 in., at 25 cents each. Regular price 50 cts.

White and Colored Blankets at 50 cts. per pair. Regular price 75 cts.

We have only about 50 pair left; all we shall have this season.

Another case of those Handsome Lkirt patterns, full size, at 25 cts. a pattern. Former price 50 cts.

50 doz. Gents. Hemmed Handkerchiefs, only 5 cts. each. Excellent value.

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Maple Ave., Andover.

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Cow for Sale.

Inquire of A. B. WIGGIN, ANDOVER, MASS.

\$100 Given Away!

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HILL AND ANTI-HILL.

THE RIVAL FACTIONS HOLD THEIR SESSIONS AT ALBANY.

Hill's Followers Will Vote for Him Under the Unit Rule—The Anti Call a State Convention to Meet May 31.

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—Chairman Murphy called the convention to order yesterday and announced its purpose. He presented the committee names of the temporary officers, which were received with applause. Mr. Beebe, the temporary chairman, was then escorted to the chair. The roll of delegates was then called and the usual committees were appointed, and the convention took a recess. On the reassembling of the executive committee General Sickles was conducted to the chair.

The state committee received the protest of the Cooper Union meeting with a resolution asking for the dissolution of the convention, and, on motion of Bourke Cockran, by unanimous vote, the protest and resolution were tabled.

At 4:19 Chairman Beebe called the convention to order. Daniel G. Griffin presented the report of the committee on credentials, which was adopted. John E. Dayton made the report of the committee on permanent organization, naming General Daniel E. Sickles for permanent chairman. The report was adopted and General Sickles was introduced amid loud and continued applause. His speech was applauded vigorously. The mention of Senator Hill's name at its conclusion was the signal for round after round of applause. Mr. Sulzer, from the committee on resolutions, presented the report of that committee, which was read by the secretary.

The platform announces its adherence to the principle of sound finance and declares against the coinage of any silver dollar which is not of the intrinsic value of every other dollar of the United States. It concludes by instructing delegates to vote for Hill for president under the unit rule.

Senator Hill then appeared before the convention and received an ovation. When the tremendous applause had subsided, General Sickles said: "I present to you, gentlemen of the convention, the young hickory of the Democracy, our next presidential candidate, David B. Hill."

Mr. Hill uttered a protest against subsidies and bounties, and the sacrifice of our merchant marine. He said that the Sherman law, worse than the old greenback law, increases monthly our promissory paper debt payable in gold, but does not at all increase our gold resources, so that treasury officials are preparing the public mind for an increase of gold bonded debt, to guard us against dishonor and disaster. In conclusion Mr. Hill said: "New York will lead where Democrats will follow; or New York will follow where Democrats lead."

THE ANTIS MEET

And Issue a Call for a State Convention May 31 at Syracuse

ALBANY, Feb. 23.—During the recess of the Democratic convention about 150 anti-winter convention men gathered at Union hall. The leaders were prominent on the front seats. Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, chairman of the committee of fifty, called the meeting to order and submitted a report announcing that the state committee had declined to dissolve the state convention. Mr. Fairchild asserted that the hearts of hundreds of thousands of Democrats in the state were with this meeting. Mr. Fairchild presented the name of F. D. Locke of Buffalo as chairman. Mr. Locke arraigned the "machine" men for the methods by which they sought to frustrate the will of the majority of the party for the sake of an ambitious politician.

Hon. Charles J. Canda and Wallace McFarlane were chosen secretaries. The roll showed thirty-six counties represented. E. Ellery Anderson then made a speech. He said the Democratic masses of New York did not believe that Senator Hill was a proper representative of tariff reform and honest money, and were opposed to his nomination.

An address to the Democratic electors of the state was then read and adopted amid cheers. The address asserts that the controlling membership of the present Democratic state committee was secured at the state convention of 1891 by the admission of numerous irregular contesting delegates. It says the issues involved in the pending campaign are tariff reform and honest money. The state committee, it declares, has used its powers for the avowed purpose of serving a favored candidate's personal ambition, instead of affording to all Democratic electors an equal and fair opportunity to express their preferences as to issues and candidates. It has become the instrument of a faction instead of being the representative of the whole party.

The call for the state convention was a flagrant violation of party usages. It was irregular and beyond the authority of the committee. This perversion of power has already been attended by disastrous results to the party in local elections in this state. The address concludes with resolutions denouncing the action of the Hill men and calling for a state convention to meet at Syracuse at noon, May 31.

The chairman then named the provisional committee, which shall be the nucleus of the new state committee. It includes Charles S. Fairchild, E. Ellery Anderson, W. A. Poucher, Franklin D. Locke and other leaders of the movement. The convention then adjourned.

Shakers Defended. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 25.—The Argus publishes a paper signed by town officials and citizens of Alfred, stating that the Boston Herald's charges against the Alfred Shakers are false, and that the colony is highly respected.

The Vatican at the World's Fair. ROME, Feb. 24.—Pope Leo has informed delegates of the Chicago exhibition that the Vatican will send several works of art to the exhibition and other exhibits. The pope will also provide a financial subsidy for the ecclesiastical exhibits.

Ticket-of-Leave Man at Home. HARTFORD, Feb. 22.—Austin Bidwell, noted forger, who has just been released from the British prison, arrived at his old home at East Hartford last night. He says he intends to lead a new life, and expects to embark in business in Chicago.

General Schofield Will Be There. THE WEIR, N. H., Feb. 21.—General W. S. Schofield, commander of the army of the United States, has accepted an invitation to be present at the encampment of veterans here next summer.

Decapitated by a Train of Cars. IPSWICH, Mass., Feb. 19.—Train 94 struck George Spencer in front of the depot last evening, killing him instantly. The body was shockingly mangled, the head being completely decapitated.

KILLED IN REVENGE.

A Tragedy Which Has Caused a Great Sensation Throughout Europe.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The American colony in this city, Cannes, and Europe generally, has been startled by a terrible tragedy. Edward Parker Deacon, a citizen of the United States and a member of an important banking firm in this city, returned unexpectedly Wednesday evening to the Hotel Splendide at Cannes, where he has been stopping during the winter with his wife. Without giving an explanation to the hotel people for his sudden return from Paris, where he was expected to stay for a few days, Mr. Deacon ran upstairs to his wife's bedroom, burst in the door, and found her therein in company with M. Emile Abelle, a Frenchman, who is said to have been a friend of Mr. Deacon. The latter, after exchanging a few hot words with M. Abelle, drew a pistol from his pocket and fired at the latter, who fell to the floor mortally wounded.

A SWINDLE EXPOSED.

A Maine "Manufacturing Company" Finds Itself in Trouble.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 24.—The Durham Manufacturing company of Durham, is in trouble. The company consists of W. H. Field, a young farmer, and his plant of a three-cell battery in a bedroom of his house.

But he has been doing a rushing business. He advertised to teach people to do gold plating, offering to pay \$15 or \$18 a week after they had learned. He required a deposit of \$1 as a guarantee of good faith, and sent out a brass ring with very crude directions for ordinary electrotyping.

Investigation by the postoffice inspector showed that no rings were plated by any of the victims. Complaints were made by Postoffice Inspector Hall, and Marshal Saunders went out to Durham and arrested Field for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

RETURNED TO HIS MOTHER.

The Details of a Kidnapping Case Just Brought to Light.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 20.—The details of a kidnapping case that occurred Jan. 13 have just come to light. Nine years ago Mrs. Helen Ash was divorced from her husband and was given the custody of her children. Since then Mr. Ash has tried to get possession of a son, now 14 years of age, and only succeeded on Jan. 13 last, when a fireman on the Consolidated road induced him to go to New York. By this means the boy was taken to South Vineland, N. J., where he was turned over to Ash. Mrs. Ash reported the loss of the boy to the police here, and a search was instituted for him. The police of this city, learning his whereabouts, corresponded with the police in Vineland, who secured the boy's return to his mother's home.

A JEALOUS HUSBAND

Shoots and Seriously Injures His Wife and Then Kills Himself.

ELLSWORTH, Me., Feb. 22.—A terrible tragedy occurred in Ellsworth Falls yesterday. Leverett Fernald, aged 28 years, shot his wife and then placed the muzzle of the revolver at his temple and fired, killing himself instantly. It is thought Mrs. Fernald is not fatally wounded. Coroner Hooper was called, but after viewing the remains decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy.

THE HOTEL ROYAL FIRE.

The Coroner's Jury Decides That Two Persons Should Be "Censured."

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The coroner's jury rendered a verdict last night that the recent fatal fire in the Hotel Royal probably started in the elevator shaft. The missing night clerk, Underwood, was censured for failing to discover the fire earlier. Building Inspector Seaton was also censured for falsely stating that fire escape doors were on the Sixth avenue side of the building.

Newspaper Men Elect Officers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The Newspaper Publishers' association elected these officers: President, J. W. Scott, Chicago Herald; vice president, E. H. Woods, Boston Herald; secretary, L. L. Morgan, New Haven Register; treasurer, W. M. Laffan, New York Sun. The banquet last evening was attended by 140 publishers.

Danger of Electricity.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 23.—George Pike, an electric light line man, yesterday grasped a live wire and received a shock of 1000 volts. His hand and wrist were badly burned, and, as it was nearly a minute before the current was switched off, he narrowly escaped death.

Man's Open Prisoners' Mail.

BROOKLYN, Conn., Feb. 24.—Postoffice Inspector Pendleton has informed Jailer Sibley that he violates the law in following the usual custom of opening prisoners' mail. The custom of opening the mail, it is said, is followed all over the state.

Mrs. Blaine Wins Her Suit.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 22.—Judge Thomas granted Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., an absolute divorce from her husband, awarding her the custody of the child, \$1000 suit money and \$100 a month as permanent alimony.

Wants of Reformers.

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—At the banquet of the Massachusetts reform club Saturday evening, it served notice on the Democratic party that it must nominate an unexceptionable presidential candidate to retain the support of its members. All the speakers soundly berated Hill.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Genaro Balmonde was found guilty of manslaughter in the superior criminal court, for causing the death of Giuseppe Tammaro on Jan. 18, by shooting him with a revolver in a quarrel on North street.

A Mother's Crime.

GREAT FALLS, N. H., Feb. 24.—The dead body of an infant, which the doctors say was alive when born, was found in a vault here yesterday, and the mother, an unmarried French woman, Emily Tremenne, was arrested.

A Minister Vindicated.

LEWISTON, Me., Feb. 19.—The trial of Rev. S. T. Record, formerly Methodist pastor at Bethel, indicted for alleged criminal immorality, in the supreme court for Oxford county at Paris, has ended in his acquittal.

Ice Operations Suspended.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 24.—The present mild weather has caused a suspension of all ice operations on the Kennebec river. The houses are only from one-half to two-thirds filled.

Good Work for the World's Fair.

HARTFORD, Feb. 27.—A convention called by Governor Bulkeley raised \$60,000 for Connecticut's representation at the World's fair.

THE OBSERVATORY.

Mr. Clapp. Auspicious opening of Andover House. The dinner-dance in New York. Carnival week in Rome, etc.

What an interpreter of Shakespeare Mr. Clapp is! He seems to have a magic touch which opens hidden treasures, where many of us have never even thought to look.

The opening of Andover House at 6 Rollins Street was an event as auspicious as its founders could have hoped. Prof. Tucker, who has been the leader in thought and labor for the good work, was unfortunately unable to be present. A large number of enthusiastic visitors from Boston, Andover, Salem, Lowell, and other places were warmly welcomed by the "Residents" of the House and a committee of ladies. All enjoyed the hospitable "cup which cheers" served from the attractive tea-table.

The ladies have taken much pleasure in preparing the House for use, and I was particularly struck with the pleasant warmth of color in the high old-fashioned rooms, while somehow the lack of furniture and bric-a-brac seemed even more comfortable and home-like than in the superfluity of good things in many of our wooden parlors. A handsome present, a clock, had just arrived. One of the gentlemen applied remarked that it was "the only conservative thing in the House." Is not this the key-note of the whole work! It is to be a "growing," a broadening both for Harrison Avenue and the Back Bay, for here they meet on equal terms and the latter elders of Andover House, intend to make their interest mutual. The new citizens of 6 Rollins Street have already begun to be neighborly and "talk over the back fence." They entertain some of these acquaintances, many of whom will become friends—nearly every day. Everything is discussed except party politics, from the labor question to the smallest matters of home interest. The boys clubs are already a "big thing" as they would say. Nine came the first night and the next time brought twelve of the "other fellows," and these will tell you that college songs are quite as jolly as the repertoire of the Dime Museum, and that yellow covered literature and the police annals are becoming quite unpopular as compared with the delights of *Harper's Weekly* and the *Youth's Companion*. Books are expected to be a great factor in the work as in London, and those on social science will be especially welcome to the library. An oft-asked question of the new members (happily they are fast increasing) is "What are you going to do?" The idea of the thing may be expressed, it is difficult to tell the doing. Influence of character and cultivation may not be represented by straight lines, one might as well try to count the ever-widening ripples made by many pebbles thrown into the great sea.

The Lenten season is almost with us and the winter gayities are at their height. New York is especially gay and its avenues are crowded day and night with elegant turn-outs conveying society on its monotonous round of lunches, teas, receptions, dinners and balls. The "fad" of this season is the "dinner-dance," whereby a hostess may mortally offend all but a favored few of her acquaintance. It is said that it is on account of the dinner-dance that the four hundred have been reduced in number. The present idea of the omnipotent McAllister is that six ladies shall entertain thirty guests each at dinner, and then all shall assemble together for the dance. On that he mentioned but one hundred and forty-nine names, so that each aspiring soul may consider himself the one hundred and fiftieth.

King Carnival holds the maddest, merriest fête at New Orleans, and jovial Shrove Tuesday is the brilliant threshold through which her people pass into a long season of humility. Thirty-five thousand visitors often come to see the gorgeous display and join in the Mardi-Gras. All this merriment is after the ancient fashion of the fashionable cities of Europe. The carnival at Rome has always been the most famous, but much of its ancient splendor has declined. The fun begins eleven days before Lent, and the narrow Corso is chosen for the principal scene of action on account of its over hanging balconies; there the beauty of Italy assembles to pelt the masquers below with confetti, and gay cavaliers return the soft blows with flowers and bon-bons. The race of the riderless horses through this street lined with fantastic costumes is one of the features, and in the evening the masked and fancy balls are the great attraction. At the strokes of midnight of Shrove Tuesday, the fine gowns of the gay Cinderellas change to sack-cloth and ashes and the forty days' abstinence begins.

The delightful amusement of bowling is growing in favor every day, and during the Lenten season society will find their amusement therein instead of dancing. It used to be specially "the thing" at church picnics, but now one may find bowling clubs in every city. Miss Allen's famous gymnasium in Boston sports several fine alleys, and a party of ladies and gentlemen are to be found there every evening. For ladies have become devoted adherents of the game and they may become quite proficient, though as a matter of course men are more successful on account of their strength and ability to handle a larger ball. A man who makes on an average of 175 to 200 points is a first class bowler while for a woman to bowl 100 to 125 points is very good indeed. But it is easily made an even game by having partners in the fray, and if not carried to excess is very healthful. Then bowling has unexceptionable prestige, for was it not played by the Dutchmen on Bowling Green one hundred and fifty years ago!

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Covering iron pulleys with paper is sometimes resorted to, the method consisting in first rendering the pulley absolutely free from grease by means of sal soda, scratching the whole surface with a file, wetting with dilute nitric acid for a few minutes to deaden the scratches, then cleaning with water and drying; following this the paper is applied by winding, using the strongest glue, or it may be wetted with tannic acid and applied as above. Some prefer to add a tablespoonful of glycerin to a quart of glue and then apply hot. The edges are turned off and a coating of common shellac applied.—New York Sun.

War Bound to Come.

We may rest assured that what weighs upon the heart of France is the inversion of authority, the lost place in the front rank of Europe, her supremacy questioned, the victor for twenty years regulating the march of events, the settlement of which till then belonged without dispute to the supreme will of France. This is what she cannot bear. Those who dream of settling the Franco-German question by a compromise must, alas! resign themselves to this: Never will this question be settled in the pure and Christian atmosphere of peace. If Germany now agreed to restore Alsace and Lorraine to France in return for a pledge of everlasting peace, France would agree to such an arrangement with the greatest repugnance, and would avert her eyes forever from the mocking deliverer who at such a price bade her sheathe her sword.

She has not, however, to dread any such mortification, for Germany would fly to arms a hundred times sooner than lose her conquered prey; and notwithstanding her past victory she, too, dreams of confirming it afresh. No, peace is not concluded between the two nations. No, the era of combats between them is not over, and the sword is what must again and again decide, until the unknown time when a new morality shall govern the world, and when the God of peace shall be universally acknowledged.—De Blowitz in Harper's.

The Divine Love.

How beautiful has science and art shown that there is a latent divine love for man in those things which his ignorance would inevitably regard as terrible enemies! Many of the most noxious gases have been converted by human skill into the most valuable servants. See how fire, so awful, so terrible, so destructive when misunderstood or uncontrolled, conduces to the advantage of our race.

The savage trembles before a large volume of steam, but the civilized man lays his hand on it as a master, and it waits him on missions of wealth or benevolence or instruction around the world. Through centuries the lightning was regarded as an absolute foe to our race, but science has shown that in its fierce nature lies a force which is a providential blessing.—New York Ledger.

To Preserve Wire Rope.

To preserve wire rope under water or under ground add one bushel of fresh slacked lime to a barrel of mineral or vegetable tar, boil well and saturate the rope with the mixture hot. Too much care cannot be taken with the pulleys, sheaves and drums over which the ropes are run—that is, the grooves should be lined with well seasoned blocks of hard wood set on end, or rubber, leather or some soft metal, the life of the rope being thus greatly lengthened and firmer adhesion secured than when the rope is operated over smooth and hard surfaces. The greater the diameter of sheaves, pulleys and drums the longer the rope will last.—Engineer.

Variety in Furniture Covers.

Furniture covers for country houses which are kept open the year round are not the unsightly Holland, plain and striped, with which city people drape their moveables for the hot weather. Pretty cretonnes—the wild rose pattern is a deserved favorite—are selected and the covers are made snug fitting so that their use is not at once prominent. The curtains and hangings that replace the winter's heavy draperies are made of cretonne to match, giving an additional look of permanency to the coverings. A cool looking design is white with a green vine running irregularly over it.—New York Times.

A Disgusting Accident.

Mrs. Portico (at seaside hotel)—I was so shocked to hear that your daughter's horse ran away with her this morning. Mrs. Veranda—It was perfectly horrible—disgusting! "I heard she was not hurt." "There wasn't a young man on the drive, and she was picked up by two old married men and a porter!"—New York Weekly.

MODERN SAMARITANS.

How Some Very Angry Neighbors Turned Their Feelings to Good Account.

It was a sort of impromptu indignation meeting held just after breakfast. The landlady said that the way the child next door was abused was a shame, and the contractor's wife said it was nothing less than a crime.

The shipping clerk said that he believed the baby had been crying steady for six hours, and the landlady said that it had cried more or less the day before too.

The contractor's wife said that she knew its mother whipped it, and that if she were a man she'd have it stopped, even if she had to go to the police.

The big, gruff contractor straightened himself up and said he would go in next door and see what he could do.

The shipping clerk volunteered to accompany him, and the little dry goods salesman said he was in for any movement that would stop that crying. The cashier said that cruelty to children was the one thing that actually made him want to strike a woman. He had noticed the way that baby had been treated for some time.

The four men sallied forth, and the landlady, the contractor's wife and the cashier's wife watched them from the bay window. They climbed the steps, rang the bell and a moment later entered the house. Three minutes afterward the cashier came out and hurried off down the street, and the women exclaimed simultaneously, "He's going for a policeman." Then the shipping clerk appeared and hurried after the cashier.

It was fully fifteen minutes before the contractor appeared, followed by the dry goods salesman. The former was wiping his forehead with his handkerchief as he climbed the steps of the boarding house again. He was met at the door by the three women.

"What did she say?" asked his wife. "She said she was glad to see us," he said in his gruff way.

"The brazen thing!" exclaimed the three women.

"Stop that!" he said sharply. "We told her we were neighbors, and she said it was kind of us to come in."

"Oh! Oh!" chorused the women.

"Stop it, I tell you!" he exclaimed. "She had the baby in her arms and there were dark rings under her eyes. She said the baby was sick and she didn't dare leave it to go down cellar to the ice chest, because there was no one else in the house."

"And what did you do?" the landlady asked.

"I went down cellar and got some cold meat. She hadn't had any breakfast."

"And I brought up the milk," put in the salesman, "and George ran for the doctor and Harry went to the drug store."

"Oh, dear!" said the landlady. "The poor thing! Where's her husband?"

"He didn't come home last night," said the contractor, scowling. "Some nights he forgets, it seems."

"And what are you going to do?" asked the cashier's wife.

"I know what one woman is going to do," he said, looking in the direction of his wife.

"Yes, John," she said, "I'm going right over."

"And I know what another woman is going to do," added the landlady, picking up a shawl. "She's going to offer to get up something hot for mother and baby. Their kitchen fire must be out."

"And another's going over just to see what she can do," put in the cashier's wife.

Then, as they started, one of them called out:

"How about the husband? Hadn't some one better?"

"I can lick him," interrupted the little dry goods salesman, "and if I ever meet him I will."—Chicago Tribune.

Why Horses Stumble.

Many horses stumble, and are whipped therefor, because persons having them in keeping are careless in "hitching them up." The most flagrant and common error in clothing a horse is the placing of the breechen, or hold back strap, at the proper height on the horse's hind legs. In fact every third horse is hitched wrong in this respect. The breechen should be so buckled that it will not slip up under the horse's tail, and never so that it will, when the horse is going down hill or holding against a load, slip nearly down to his hocks. The latter position deprives the horse of the free use of his hind legs, causes his feet to cross alternately, lifts his hind feet, if not his whole hind parts, nearly off the ground, and throws the weight of the load and of the horse himself on to his front feet—the result being badly "sprung" knees, frequent unavoidable stumbling, with the generally attending whipping, jerking of the reins and curses of the fool driver.—Cor. Washington Star.

Why a Preacher Should Ride a Bicycle.

John Bertram, ex-mayor of Dundas, Ont., is in the city. Mr. Bertram is a shrewd, sharp man, and his conversation is marked by a well defined vein of dry humor. He was passing down the street today with his friend Mr. Dunn, who knew him in Dundas, when they passed the Rev. Robert R. Maitland, who was speeding along on his bicycle.

"That's the way clergyman go around in Vancouver," said Mr. Dunn.

Mr. Bertram looked at the speeding form, and without a smile replied, "Well, he can save soles that way for a certainty."—Vancouver Telegram.

Illusions Without Mirrors.

There are thirty-six legitimate illusions now being made for dime museums and for advertising purposes, and these include an immense variety of deceptions. After the legless body illusion became so popular there was a great deal of talk about mirrors, and the opinion has gained ground that all tricks of this kind are now performed by aid of looking glasses and reflectors. This is a distinct error. Of the thirty-six illusions referred to not more than seven have a mirror about them at all, the other twenty-nine being worked by devices much less easy to detect. The "Galatea" is the most remarkable of the whole thirty-six. In this there is a marble or stone statue, and the public can be invited to strike it with a piece of iron to test its composition.

Then the operator can make the statue gradually assume life, or appear to do so, and finally a living form succeeds the model of stone. How is this done? Well, that is a trade secret worth a few hundred dollars. The trick is a very smart one, and even the young lady who operates it, and who is apparently created out of solid brass, cannot see through it. It is very hard to learn how to fix up an illusion at first, but after awhile, and with practice in half a dozen types, a man can combine ideas and produce a great variety of results.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Queer Letter Writer.

A member of a wealthy family, the name of the head of which is known all over the commercial world, has a peculiar mania. He is crazy on the subject of letter writing—love letters at that—and writes a dozen or more every day, all to himself.

At noon every day he hands the butler a batch of letters to be posted and receives them at the hands of the same individual at 7 o'clock every evening. He reads them with the greatest manifestation of delight and sits down to answer them after dinner. He has kept this pastime up for a year, beginning with one letter every week and gradually increasing his correspondence to the present batch.

He is a good looking young man of five and thirty, and was as bright mentally as could be desired till his eighth year, when scarlet fever left him little better than a simpleton. If he wrote 1,200 letters a day on the same expensive note paper he uses he could not spend a thousandth part of his father's income. Perhaps the pastime is as good as any he could be engaged in, but it seems just a trifle silly.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

How Different People Buy Groceries.

Says an Asbury Park grocery clerk: "If a woman comes in with a basket and a tin bucket and asks for a print of butter she's from Philadelphia. What's more, these Philadelphia people are the best judges of butter. No cheap or showy stock for them. They taste it always and can tell more about its manufacture than I can. An idea that many Quaker City people have is in lugging a basketful of groceries and a 'butter kittle' home with them, when we have wagons to deliver it for them. They appear to be brought up that way."

"New Yorkers ain't particular about butter. They ask the price, tell me to put up a dollar's worth and that ends it. One of their give aways is on eggs and sugar. Always know them when they want a quarter's worth of eggs or three and a half of sugar. That's the way they buy at home—so much for two shillings. A Trenton customer will ask for a score of eggs, and a Boston woman gets nervous when we show her our stock of beans. She asks for factory cheese, so I won't make a mistake and give her the imported article."—New York Tribune.

Danger of Drifting at Sea.

Two days out from Valparaiso we had a strange experience. The ships Montreal and Edward Everett drifted into uncomfortable proximity, each moment visibly lessening the distance by which they were separated and increasing the prospect that the vessels would grind each other to splinters. A collision seemed inevitable, and men stood facing each other on the decks with pale faces and a common expression of infant helplessness. And all the while the sea was glassy, the sky placid and the atmosphere beaming with serenity.

As they approached to within half a ship's length, the Everett, as though impelled by a mysterious power, seemed to forge ahead slowly, while the bow of the Montreal swung as slowly to starboard, until, with her jibboom fairly over our port quarter and for a moment foul with our spanker gaff, she swung clear and the two ships drifted apart and out of danger to either. It was a hairbreadth escape.—W. B. Farwell in Century.

Profits in California Orchards.

Governor Markham received \$350 from one acre of orange trees in South Pasadena in 1889—the fourth bearing year—and the cost of production was twenty-six dollars. In the same year Mr. James Smith, of Pasadena, received \$1,810 net for oranges produced on three and one-third acres. Mr. Frank P. Morrison, of Redlands, San Bernardino county, received for one year's crop \$900 per acre, and the Hon. Scipio Craig says that seedling orchards in that county will average \$400 to \$500 per acre. Riverside is the most celebrated place for orange production in the state. Receipts per acre have been as high as \$1,200, and \$400 and upward are not uncommon.—Ex-Governor L. A. Sheldon in Forum.

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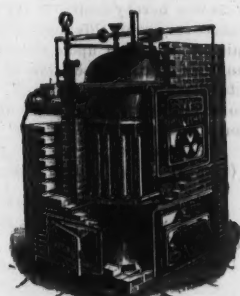
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NORTH ANDOVER.

Mrs. Hannah Rea was chosen at the Thursday evening meeting in the vestry of the Congregational Church, to serve as a member of the social committee in place of Mrs. J. A. Roache, resigned.

The Auditors Reports were in process of distribution the first of the week.

The quarterly union meeting of the local Christian Endeavor Societies will be held at Andover, Tuesday evening, when W. G. Pufferfoot, who is very highly spoken of by those who have heard him, will address the meeting. A special car returning here at the close of the lecture will be provided if a sufficient number of people desire to attend.

Republican caucuses in Odd Fellows Hall, to-night.

A large number of people from town attended the "County Fair" at the Lawrence Opera House each night of its presentation.

Among the company present at the meeting of the Congregational Club at Haverhill, Monday night, were Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Leavitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stillings, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Butterworth, Mr. G. E. Hathorn, Miss Mary Hathorn, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Frye, Messrs. D. W. Carney, F. W. Frisbee and Andrew McLean.

Mr. Michael F. Shanahan has been appointed, for the present, night watchman at Sutton's Mill to fill the position vacated by Mr. Patrick Costello who has served in that capacity for the past sixteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Remick of Boston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stillings, last week.

Miss Gertrude Crowther, employed in the Duck mill, Lawrence, through some mishap fell, cutting off by machinery two fingers of one of her hands. She has since been ill, from the effects of the injury, at the Lawrence Hospital, but is now recovering.

The entertainment announced by Wynona Lodge for March 4th has been postponed to Friday evening, March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Swinton McLean of Lynn spent the twenty-second in town with his parents.

Mr. John F. Kirk, clerk of the Eben Sutton S. F. E. Co., reports that the sales from the recent fair netted the company the sum of \$480. The fair was a complete success, and the results very gratifying to its promoters.

At the "smoke talk" to be given in the Armory at Lynn this evening, Rev. Wm. H. Ryder, chaplain of the first battalion of cavalry, Boston, will be the guest of the evening. Captain Reeves, of Co. L., will attend.

Messrs. Kirkwood and F. A. Coan of Co. L. appeared before the military board of examiners at the State House, Boston, Wednesday.

Rev. Rufus C. Flagg, D.D., pastor of the Congregational Church at Castleton, Vt., has been called to the presidency of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin. Mr. Flagg was a former pastor of the Congregational Church of this town, serving for a period of five years.

The subject for the consideration of the Y.P.S.C.E. Sunday evening is, "A good man in trouble. Why?"

A. W. Drainer will lead the meeting of the Epworth League Sunday evening.

Some of the schools held exercises last Friday afternoon in commemoration of Washington.

A number of young people from town attended the weekly lectures given in the South Church, Andover, Monday evenings.

Despite the unfavorable weather last Saturday afternoon, a large number of about forty pupils of Room No. 1 in the Merrimack School building under the care of the principal, Mr. A. L. Smith, enjoyed a sleigh ride to Groveland.

A small barge with about thirty pupils from the intermediate schools in the same building also joined the party. Both conveyances were provided by A. P. Cheney.

At the meeting of the District Lodge, I.O.G.T., held in Haverhill, Monday, Mr. A. V. Chalk was elected a representative of the Grand Lodge.

Many of the younger portion of our community heard with sorrow this week of the loss of a playmate and friend through the death of Ada, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodhouse. For over a year she had suffered from the effects of a long illness which developed into peritonitis, and which terminated in her death last Monday at the House of the Good Samaritan in Boston. Her age was nine years and seven months. All who knew her can testify to the truth of the words of one who said of her, "A pure and spotless spirit has passed from earth to the Paradise of the Blessed; another pearl for the Saviour's crown of rejoicing. Those who knew Ada in companionship, in church, in Sunday School, in the home, will bless God for so pure a life. 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' To the parents, brothers, and sisters we tender our hearty sympathy." Funeral services were held at the home of her parents, 21 Pleasant Street, yesterday afternoon, Rev. George Walker of St. Paul's Church officiating. The parents and family wish to express their hearty thanks for the uniform kindness shown them during their dear child's sickness and at her death.

Flags from the Merrimack and Bradstreet Schools were hung to the breeze Monday, but the J.H.S. flag did not make its appearance.

The Y.P.L. and S. Society meets this evening.

Miss Lizzie Upton of Peabody was the guest of B. P. Saunders last week.

Last Friday as Mr. George L. Averill was loading logs in the woods, one rolled upon him breaking both bones in one of his legs. Dr. Morrill set the leg.

Mr. T. Stevens, M. C., was in town lately for a few days on business. He reports the weather in Washington as being very springlike with no snow at all.

Mr. Ralph Blake sold a 5-weeks old calf last week, the live weight of which was 155 pounds.

Among the holiday visitors in town last Monday were Mr. A. D. Blanchard, Jr. of Melrose, Mr. George Wheeler, Mr. William Emerson of Boston, Mr. C. A. Berry from the same place, Mr. George Fuller from the Veterinary School, Cambridge.

Mr. Edmund S. Colby will probably again receive the Republican nomination for tax collector. In the discharge of the duties of this office he has been quite successfully, taking into consideration the fact that '91 has been a hard year from the financial standpoint.

Among many of the Republicans, Mr. Frank A. Warren of Union Village has been discussed as a candidate for the office of Selectman. Mr. Warren is a young man, well-known to our townsmen, and if he should prove a successful competitor in the race, it is to be hoped that he will profit by the experiences of his predecessors.

The list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen reads as follows: Edward Adams, George L. Averill, Leon H. Bassett, George L. Barker, Jacob Barker, Alphonso Badger, Orrin A. Badger, Michael E. Bolton, A. W. Brainard, John Burnham, Daniel A. Carleton, George G. Chadwick, Ariel P. Cheney, Edmund S. Colby, Dennis J. Costello, Patrick P. Daw, B. Holt Farnham, Edward A. Fuller, Nathaniel Gage, William M. Gemmel, Oliver R. Gile, William Gile, George H. Goodhue, B. Osgood Gray, Fred Hannaford, Walter H. Hayes, Maurice Herbert, Superbus D. Hinxman, Albert N. Holt, Peter Holt, Jr., Winfield S. Hughes, S. William Ingalls, Hezekiah Jewett, Charles Johnson, Edward J. Kelley, Lawrence G. Lacy, John N. Meserve, Charles E. Meserve, Apollon L. Perkins, James C. Poor, Calvin Rea, Judson E. Reynolds, Patrick J. Sweeney, Charles J. H. Shedd, Frank Tisdale, William Toohey, George F. Williams, Oscar T. Young.

Resolutions on the Death of Hon. Geo. L. Davis.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Lawrence Gas Company held at Boston, Jan. 20, 1892, it was unanimously

Resolved: That in the decease of Hon. George L. Davis, late President of the Lawrence Gas Company, the Board of Directors hereby desire to express their sincere sorrow in this loss to the company, and to place upon record a testimony of their appreciation of his high integrity, uprightness, and personal worth during the many years of association together.

Attest.

(Signed) A. C. TENNY, clerk.

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George G. Davis, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—At the annual meeting of

of the stockholders of this Bank held

this day, the following was the action of

said meeting.

WHEREAS, Providence has removed

from our company the Hon. George L.

Davis who has been President of this

bank for nearly twenty-five years, we

desire to give in a measure expression to

our feelings by the following Resolution.

That in the death of Mr. Davis we have

lost a kind friend ever ready to respond

to every generous act, constant and atten-

tive to his business requirements and

always ready and active to add to the

highest welfare of this Bank. Voted—

This Resolution be entered on the Stock-

holders' Record, and a copy thereof sent

to the family of Mr. Davis.

A true copy of Record.

(Signed) SAMUEL WHITE,

Cashier.

LAWRENCE, MASS.

George G. Davis, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—At a meeting of the Trustees

of the Essex Savings Bank, held

Jan. 19, 1892, the following resolutions

were unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly

Father to call to himself our friend and

associate, George L. Davis, who for so

many years has officially served this bank

as trustee and vice-president; therefore,

Resolved, that we ever found in him a

pleasant associate, a faithful worker, and

an honest man, who strove to do his

whole duty, and to bear his full share of

all the labors and responsibilities devolv-

ing upon the officers of this institu-

tion.

Resolved, that we extend to his family

our deepest sympathy in this, their hour

of affliction.

Yours,

(Signed) JAMES H. EATON,

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the stomach and bowels that the food is properly

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It will be noticed in the Annual Report that the Engineer's Report is signed only by two members of the Board, the name of the third member, P. P. Daw, being omitted. This, we are informed, was an oversight and mistake on the part of Mr. Daw.

Rev. Charles Olmstead of Cambridge will preach at the morning and evening services at the Congregational Church next Sunday, in exchange with Rev. H. H. Leavitt.

Sunday evening, March 6, there will be a union temperance meeting in the auditorium of the Methodist Church. The pastors of the various churches in town will take part. All are invited to attend.

The Girls' Friendly Society will meet this evening for the last time before the commencement of the Lenten season, at the house of Rev. George Walker, for an evening of pleasure.

The account of the Eben Sutton S.F.E. Fair was omitted from last week's issue unintentionally.

What might have resulted in a very serious accident occurred at McLaughlin's steam saw mill in the lower part of the town, near the Middleton line. Too great a head of steam was let on, and the cylinder head was blown entirely off, but fortunately no one was injured. A week's time will be required for repairs.

Mr. Andrew M. Abbott, of the firm Abbott Brothers, ice dealers, well known in this vicinity, while superintending the loading of ice at his ice house at Rock Pond, Georgetown, one day last week, fell 25 feet, breaking his hip and fracturing many ribs.

The beautiful weather of last Friday brought the familiar figure of Capt. H. P. Ingalls out for a sleigh ride, looking extremely well after his long illness.

The entertainment which the Good Templars are to produce two weeks from date is one which Wynona Lodge had the pleasure of seeing in Haverhill, a few weeks ago, and were so delighted with that they undertake the risk of bringing it here, feeling assured that all who attend will be equally pleased.

Speediest Road Horses in Winchester.

We are sure that no one in town has enjoyed the fine sleighing carnival of the week, more than Mr. George H. Gilbert, who is the possessor of the finest stable of horses in this vicinity. He can hitch up a pair of greys, "Early Dawn" and "Twilight," that for style and speed combined, it would be hard to duplicate; they have a double team record of 2.49, made over the half-mile track at Tilton Driving Park, Tilton, N. H., and the Chestnut horse "Canterbury Boy" with a record of 2.30, made at Laconia, N. H., which is no measure of his speed, has fairly won the reputation he enjoys of being the speediest road horse in Winchester, having never taken dust or snow from any horse, since Mr. Gilbert brought him to town two years ago. These fleet animals have given their owner, who has always been an enthusiast on the subject of sleigh riding, a great deal of pleasure the past few days and there is not a town in this region that has not been visited on runners, one day over fifty miles having been covered.—Winchester Star.

LAWRENCE.

A writer in the *Eagle* says that complaints are being made on account of the crowded condition of some of the cars on the Lawrence and Andover line, especially on afternoon and evening trips and cites the six o'clock car as an instance. It is matter of much inquiry why extra cars are not provided for this as well as other lines of the road. The management will without doubt look into this, and endeavor to provide more ample accommodation.

The Father Matthew Catholic Temperance Society has adopted resolutions favoring a license commission, and urging the passage of the bill presented by Representative McAnally making mandatory the appointment of a commission.

The Press Club had a very enjoyable banquet at the Essex House, Monday night, about 75 being present. Kernen served one of his best suppers and the tables were handsomely decorated by Thornton Bros. The president, James E. Donoghue, introduced ex-Senator E. F. O'Sullivan as the toastmaster, who filled the position finely. Among those who responded to toasts were Mayor Doe, Judge, C. A. DeCoursey, Clerk of Courts Moyes, ex-Mayor Bruce, J. A. Dennison and several others. The "County Fair" quartette rendered several pleasing selections during the evening.

A prisoner at the jail, named Frank Harrison, committed suicide by hanging Saturday night in his cell. He accomplished the deed by means of a sheet and the cell door, tying the sheet at one end to the iron door and the other around his neck, and jumping off the bed. He had served two of a three years' sentence for breaking and entering and larceny.

The republican city committee has organized with the choice of John L. Brewster, chairman; Harry R. Dow, vice-chairman; Henry Nice, Jr., secretary; John Barker, treasurer.

The usher's benefit will occur at the Opera House March 10. The attraction will be Geo. C. Staley in "A Royal Pass."

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From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hard, of Groton, S.D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth I would my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get D. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Coughs and colds I gave it a trial took in all, eight bottles; it has cured me, and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles free at Arthur Bliss' and H. M. Whitney's Lawrence. Large bottles 50c. and \$1.00.



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One night, the first of January, when I had an extremely hard spell of vomiting having VOMITED from 7:30 to 9:30 without ceasing, and my friends expecting it was my last night on earth—my husband seeing one of your strong testimonials in the *Salem News*, sent a man to the Druggists for a bottle of DANA'S SARSAPARILLA. I took a dose; in a few minutes, threw it up; waited a little and took another; did not vomit again for four days—then stopped entirely. Kept right on taking it according to directions, well diluted with water. My appetite increased—Constipation ceased. I gained rapidly. I can now eat anything I wish, WEIGH 120 LBS.

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